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FEP COMMUNIQUE PROTESTS NAVAS ARREST

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(Text) The Panamanian Student Federation (FEP) issued a press communique on 11 August on the arrest of student leader Luis A. Navas following his testimony before Colon's first district attorney, Anastasio Gondola. The communique is as follows:

"On 10 August the secretary general of the FEP, Luis Navas, presented himself before District Attorney Anastasio Gondola in Colon. Navas went after having been assured by District Attorney's Gondola and Montero that there were no charges against Navas to justify his arrest and that it was merely a matter of making a statement, since Granados had accused him of being the intellectual author of the events of 6 June in Colon.

"Navas was accompanied by a commission of the Directorate of the Bar headed by its president, Jorge Illueca, and members of the Federal Executive Council of the FEP. The FEP publicly protests the illegal arrest of its secretary general, the threatening attitude of the National Guard while Navas was making his statement, and the request from the CIA to the district attorney that it be allowed to participate in the questioning of Navas. This fact proves the truth of the accusation, that elements of the CIA, in close collaboration with the government, are trying to influence the investigations because they are deeply involved in the murder of Juan Antonio Navas Pajaro.

"Therefore, the FEP appeals to all students, secondary as well as university, to remain alert to maneuvers against the FEP and especially against its leader.

"The FEP has obtained the professional services of Dr. Bolivar Davalos Moncayo, who will undertake the defense of Luis Navas, secretary general of this organization. The FEP urgently calls for a meeting at 1600 on 12 August of the Federal Executive Council and all active members at the university to discuss the illegal arrest of Navas, secretary general of the FEP." Signed: The FEP Federal Executive Council

Interview With Navas

Panama City Circuito RPC-TV in Spanish 0000 GMT 12 August 1966--P

(Text) A reporter from this station managed to interview Luis Navas Pajaro at the Colon district attorney's office in relation to the investigation into his brother's death. He said that everything seems to indicate that Jose Granados is the person who decides who remains free or is under arrest. He added that Granados is a turncoat and a dishonor to the Panama Student Federation and to the People's Party. He said that he, Navas, is no communist and that his only ideal is the well-being of the people.